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(REAR) CP ZAMA JAPAN, USAMBASSADOR TOKYO JAPAN**NR:** 211000Z JOINT WEEKA 38 211008Z SEP 56

For period ending Sep 21, 1956.

Section 1.**A-Political****1. International**

A. ROK-Japanese relations (UNCLASSIFIED): Chief ROK mission Japan, Minister Kim Yong-Sik, returned Seoul Sept 14 for consultation. In press conference Sept 18, Kim placed blame present stalemate ROK-Japanese relations on Japanese failure carry out April 2 agreement release 400 Korean detainees. Kim also stated familiar ROK insistence resumption negotiations dependent on Japanese "sincerity and effort". According Kim, unresolved issues are:

- (1) Legal status Korean residents Japan;
- (2) Ownership Korean property;
- (3) Transfer Korean-owned vessels held by Japan;
- (4) Official retraction and apology Kubota statement.

Comment (OFFICIAL USE ONLY): ROK stand placing blame on Japan not unfamiliar. Kim failure include fisheries problem probably inadvertent or result incomplete press report.

B-Dissension in ROK mission to Japan (UNCLASSIFIED) Sept 15 return of counselor, ROK mission to Japan, Yu Tae-Ha, reactivated press speculation dissension ranks ROK mission.

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Comment (OFFICIAL USE ONLY): Press speculation supported by continuous reports personality differences between Kim and Yu as well as factionalism in Japanese Korean Residents Association. Kim-Yu dissension confirmed by Foreign Ministry sources.

C. Armistice issue (UNCLASSIFIED): In press conference Sept 14, Army Chief of Staff General Yi Hyong-Keun declared North Korea continuing enormous military build-up and preparing for atomic warfare. Defense Minister Kim Yong U Sept 20 stated observance armistice agreement has given North Koreans big advantage while placing ROK under great disadvantage and urged immediate change.

Comment (OFFICIAL USE ONLY): Statements Yi and Kim, plus President Rhee remarks during Sept 18 press conference, continuation ROK appeal for modern weapons and abolition Armistice Agreement. Theme also appeared Korean Republic editorials Sept 15 and 19.

D. ROK-Vietnamese relations (UNCLASSIFIED): ROK Minister to Vietnam, General Ch'OE Tuk-Sin, returned Seoul Sept 15 to attend grandfather's funeral. In press conference Sept 19, Ch'OE praised accomplishment anti-Communist Diem government.

E. Anti-Ellender demonstration (UNCLASSIFIED): Large crowd carrying banners inscribed, "We fought for democracy, not socialism", "We are greatful for US aid", "Grasp real situation", and "We are not bloodsuckers", demonstrated Sept 18 outside residence Ambassador and near Capitol. Press reports crowd composed of some 15,000 Unionists and workers. Demonstrators dispersed by police.

Comment (OFFICIAL USE ONLY): Demonstration protest against un-complimentary remarks allegedly made about Korea by Senator Ellender and not anti-US in nature. Crowd orderly and apathetic, size probably overstated in press. Reports that participants recruited by Dong (ward) Chiefs and policemen indicate demonstration had official sanction.

F. Ellender-Dworshak call on President (CONFIDENTIAL): After President, apparently upset by Ellender's reported Djakarta statement that Koreans were "bloodsuckers", had cancelled appointment with senators, Ambassador arranged for reversal of decision and meeting was held in fairly friendly atmosphere.

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(UNCLASSIFIED) In plane side interview on departure Ellender reiterated denial of "bloodsucker" charge; said he fully supported military aid to Korea; expressed satisfaction over economic progress; declared economic assistance must be gradually reduced.

2. Domestic

A. Presidential press conference (UNCLASSIFIED); First presidential press conference since August 15 inauguration held Sept 15. Highlights President Rhee's remarks:

- (1) ROK entitled UN membership;
- (2) Intelligence reports bear out contention North Koreans armed with all styles modern weapons;
- (3) Constitution should not be amended;
- (4) Elections for Upper House National Assembly should be held as soon as possible;
- (5) Administration successful in controlling prices and banks have not exceeded loan ceilings;
- (6) Administration has programs supplement foreign aid funds; and
- (7) ROK military establishment will be reorganized if introduction modern weapons requires changes in duties and assignments. President took occasion criticize Vice President Chang Myon for August 15 inaugural statements (WEEKA 34) and specifically naming Tong'A Ilbo Kgongyang Sinmun advised press not abuse privileges by disseminating anti-government propaganda. Korean language Tong'A Ilbo quoted President saying if anti-government persons grasp power country will be controlled by communists.

Comment (OFFICIAL USE ONLY): Questions asked relatively unimportant and general tenor President's answers restrained and non committal. Reference to abuse of privileges by press plus Sept 21 newspaper reports that administration drafting publication regulation legislation indicates administration sensitivity to opposition press attacks. Remarks attributed to Rhee by Tong'a Ilbo did not appear official release or translations other Korean language papers though verified by reporters present. Spokesmen Democratic party protested attempt equate opposition with communist.

B. Democratic party (UNCLASSIFIED): During week press reported increasing Democratic Party dissension as ex-Democratic Nationalist Party (DNP) and non-DNP factions maneuvered for supremacy on eve Sept 28 party convention.

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Comment (CONFIDENTIAL): Embassy officer informed Sept 20 that compromise solution planned whereby Numler Supreme Commissioners will be increased from 5 to 6 with each faction receiving 3 positions. Cho Pyong-Ok, Yi Yong-Jun and Paek Nam-Hun reportedly will represent-DNP elements while Chang Myon, Kwak Sang-Hun and Madame Pak Sun-Ch'On will represent non-DNP faction. Senior supreme commissioner reportedly will be Kak Sang-Hun. Although factional problem serious, will probably be worked out as both elements realize party split would appreciably impair 1958 national assembly election prospects.

C. National assembly (UNCLASSIFIED): Walkout Sept 15 by Democratic Party members thwarted Liberal Party attempt pass censure motion against Vice President Chang Myon for August 15 inaugural remarks (WEEKA 34). Assembly Sept 15 voted recess until Sept 24.

Comment (OFFICIAL USE ONLY): "Harvest Moon" festival (Sept 19) and Yongdong (North Ch'Ung Ch'On) by-election campaign apparent reasons for recess. Recess, however, may have been voted in effort find palatable method disposing Chang censure motion.

3. North Korea (UNCLASSIFIED)

During week Pyongyang Radio continued liberal coverage North Korean visit of Albanian delegation which departed for Albania Sept 13 after 6 day visit. Widely publicized joint NK-Albanian communique contained expected references, among others, to fraternal ties, easing international tensions, need for peaceful solutions international problems and demand that North Korea be represented at any UN discussion Korean question.

Other items broadcast by Pyongyang: North Korean Ministry of Commerce has been renamed the Ministry of Home and Foreign Trade. National conference Public Health Workers opened Pyongyang Sept 16 to discuss improvement in strengthening work in field public health as outlined at August plenum (WEEKA 36) central committee KWP. North Korean trading firm (Tongpyong Company) Pyongyang concluded trade agreement with Swiss firm (Ernst Debrunner Company) September 17 reportedly covering total volume imports and exports assessed at value 200,000 pounds sterling. Welcoming meeting held Pyongyang September 17 honor 20 "ROK army soldiers" and 7 ROK civilians "who came over to the north recently." Denunciation Western Powers action connection Suez matter DA IN 254796 (22 Sept 56)

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B-Psychological (UNCLASSIFIED)

Ellender's visit, Rhee's press conference and reported feud in Korean mission in Japan were reported in full by Korean press.

Ellender's "bloodsucking" statement carried by all papers prior to arrival. They carried denial contained in plane side interview, but played up "socialistic trend in Korea" statement. On departure, he again denied "bloodsucking" statement and retracted statement about socialism. All papers carried retraction.

Editorial comment follows:

Tong'A Ilbo (opposition) said Koreans should "calmly reflect" on the implications in Ellender's remarks.

Kyunghyang Shinmun (opposition) attributed remarks to Ellender's isolationism.

Pyonghwa Shinmun (pro-government) took occasion to point out that aid funds were used by US rather than Korea, since latter could not use them without approval of OEC.

Korean Republic (government-controlled) fairly restrained in treatment of Ellender. OPI release urged people to remember tradition courtesy, but said Ellender's comments obviously Kremlin-inspired.

Opposition papers gave full play to Democratic Party repudiation of Rhee's press conference statement that "If those who have opposed the government hold the reins of the government, the country will be ruled by the communists and all of us will have to die". (See political).

Morning papers of Sept 17 played story of reported press control by government. Said administration was drawing up bill to justify government control over press. Bill said to be sponsored by OPI and office of legislation.

C-Army

(UNCLASSIFIED) ROK generals face training in re-shuffle: ROK Minister of National Defense Kim Yoni-U announced that a re-shuffle of general grade army officers DA IN 254796 (22 Sept 56)

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would take place as result of the plan to give high ranking officers a chance to undergo retraining at National Defense College which opens 1 October 1956.

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D-Navy.

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E-Air Force

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